

## **NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE**

### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

DATE/TIME: Thursday morning 9 August 2007 at 9:30 am  
LOCATION: RTCM Office; Arlington VA (See website [www.rtcn.org](http://www.rtcn.org))  
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)  
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### **DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Distribute documents:
  - Coast Guard Rescue 21 Newsletter
  - Task Force MMSI Policy Report to USCG, FCC, & RTCM
  - New Draft Task Force Comment to Coast Guard on HF Broadcast Program
  - Draft Task Force Press Release to Boating Safety Groups
  - Draft Letter to Coast Guard on Fishing Vessel Regulations
  - Summary of Task Force Accomplishments
2. Brief meeting (@ 30 minutes) of the MMSI ad hoc group, all welcome to attend  
Possible Duplication of Inmarsat MMSI numbers ?
3. Review Summary Record of 10 May 2007 Task Force meeting (distributed earlier)
4. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
  - Status of MF-DSC Coastal Network Upgrade Study– Dave Fowler
  - Status of Rescue 21 Coastal VHF-DSC Program – LCDR James Marquez
  - Review of Coast Guard AIS Regulations and new issues – Jorge Arroyo
  - Status of Long Range Tracking Initiative in IMO – Bill Cairns
  - Response to Task Force recommendations on MMSI Policy – Capt Ritter
5. FCC Report on pending GMDSS issues
  - Introduction of Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Chief, Fred Campbell
  - Results of Part 80 Rulemaking - Ghassan Khalek
  - Response to Task Force Petition on MMSI Policy – Ghassan Khalek
6. National Marine Fisheries Service Report on Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS)
7. GMDSS Modernization Initiative – Ed Gilbert
  - Developments on new E-Navigation issue
  - Plan review of GMDSS Functional Requirements
7. RTCM Report – Bob Markle
8. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Task Group – Elaine Dickinson
  - Report on Recreational Vessel Summit Meeting 19 June

New Opportunities for Automated VHF-DSC test calls  
Draft Press Release to Boating Safety Organizations

9. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Mfgs Task Group - Ralph Sponar
10. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini  
Draft response to Coast Guard on HF Weather Broadcast Inquiry
11. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson  
USCG National Maritime Center Policy on GMDSS Question Pools
12. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date with NMEA in Amelia Island, Florida on Friday 19 October 2007.

**GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST**

10 May 2007

1. Monitor FCC continuing action to update GMDSS Rules (TF)
2. Recommend actions to reduce false alerts in GMDSS systems (TF)
3. Monitor Coast Guard Port State GMDSS inspection program (TF)
4. Monitor MSI broadcasting programs for compliance with GMDSS Standards (TF)
5. Review GMDSS Internet Web Sites and update Task Force portion of USCG site (TF)
6. Support SOLAS Working Group planning for IMO COMSAR meetings (TF)
7. Advocate Canadian coordination to extend GMDSS services to the Great Lakes (TF)
8. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (TF)
9. Advocate regulatory action to require VHF or EPIRBs for all vessels offshore (TF)
10. Advocate overhaul of FCC policy and practice on MMSI assignments (TF)
11. Monitor non-GMDSS systems: AIS, LRIT, SSAS, VDR, VMS, & E-Navigation (TF)
12. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)
13. Recommend training programs for non-mandatory users of GMDSS systems (RV)
14. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)
15. Recommend Class 'D' VHF-DSC as superior to RTCM SC-101 format (RV)
16. Advocate FCC enable R/Vs keep existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
17. Encourage Mfgs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
18. Recommend to FCC clarifications to their List of Approved GMDSS Equipment (SA)
19. Monitor guidelines for GMDSS equipment maintenance & maintainer standards (SA)
20. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
21. Maintain GMDSS Question Pools for FCC and Coast Guard Examinations (TR)

Key to cognizant group:        (TF) Task Force  
   (CV) Commercial Vessel Task Group  
   (RV) Recreational Vessel Task Group  
   (SA) Service Agents and Manufacturers Task Group  
   (TR) Training Task Group

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